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- Amendment (11 pages)
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Masashi NAKAMURA et al.

Serial No. : 09/889,380

For : DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

Filed : July 16, 2001

Examiner : MA, Johnny

Art Unit : 2617

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining after amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number previously paid for | (5) Present extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional fee |
|--|--|-------|---|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
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| Independent claims | 2 | Minus | 3 = | 0 x | \$100(100) | = \$0 |
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This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid or is paid herewith .

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This is a petition to request a month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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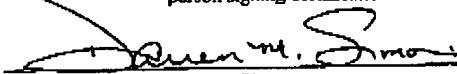
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued December 15, 2005, please consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.